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The Honorable Cyrus R. Vance
Deputy Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Cy:

We have both received a memorandum from Dr. McMillan detailing his proposal for modernization of the existing CIA/SAC U-2 pool and postponement of additional U-2 procurement. Using attrition rates experienced thus far, it would appear that the total U-2 fleet would drop to approximately half of its present strength before new aircraft ordered a year from now would be available, and that the total number would never reach the minimum acceptable [redacted] recommended by Generals Ledford and Gentry, if the older aircraft are retired as they propose.

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I do not wish to prejudge this proposal, but do believe that it deserves our careful consideration in the Executive Committee before implementation, since I anticipate a continuing and perhaps increasing need for U-2 reconnaissance coverage round the world.

Sincerely,

((signed) W. F. Raborn

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Director

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October 1965 - Study on behalf of the DCI [] performed research and analysis) to discover whether our strategic estimates in the past have been accurate, how accurate, evaluation of our estimating accuracy. Study assigned to Wheelon.

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Clinical analysis of past performance by [] general conclusion from over-all strategic power point of view that the forecasts have been amazingly accurate.

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Internal CIA Ad Hoc Committees

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Intelligence Collection Requirements Study Group (Nov 1965) (Inter-DDS&T)